Z-Mail for Motif User's Guide

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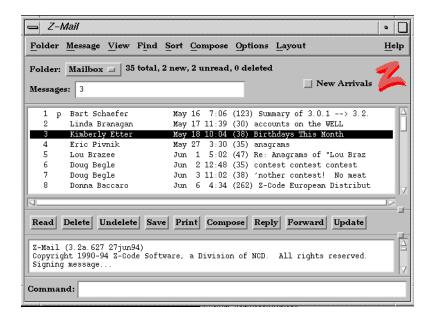
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Starting Z-Mail

To start Z-Mail in Motif mode from the command line, enter: zmail-gui

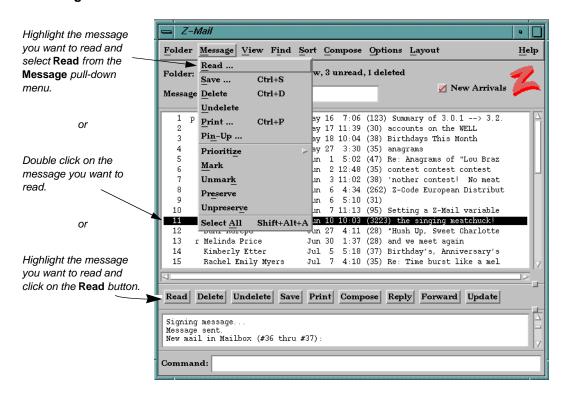
The **-gui** option tells Z-Mail to use its graphical user interface. Z-Mail displays the *Main Window*, which contains summaries of your incoming mail.



Reading a Message

Z-Mail displays a message summary for each message in your mailbox. These summary lines are displayed in the message summary list of the Main Window.

To read a message:



When you read a message, the Message Window comes up.

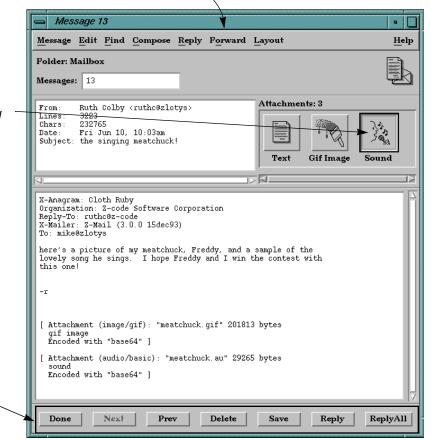
To use the Message Window:

Pull down the menu associated with the action you want to perform and select from the action list.

If the message contains an attachment, click on its icon to read or process it.

(Some messages may not contain attachments.)

Click on the button corresponding to the action you want to perform.



Receiving attachments

Z-Mail enables you to send and receive mail attachments. An attachment is a separate file associated with a message.

An attachment can be any type of file, such as text, graphics, sound, video, spreadsheet, database, or even an entire application. Any file can be attached to a message, provided that the computer system can support it (sufficient disk space, memory, etc.).

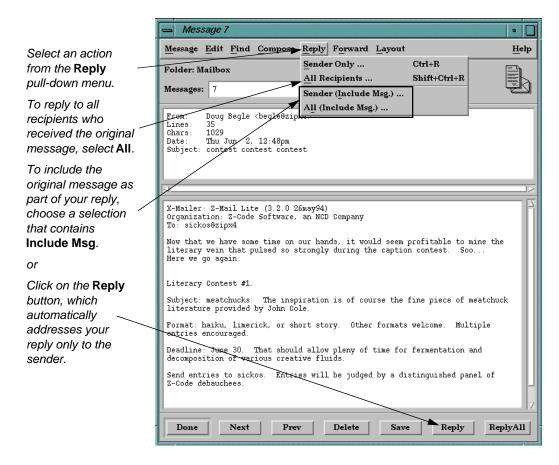
You can either process an attachment directly or save it to a file by *detaching* it.

If Z-Mail does not know how to display an attachment, or if the program required to process an attachment is not available to you, Z-Mail pops up an error dialog. Contact your system administrator for assistance or inform the person that sent the attachment that you are having difficulty processing it.

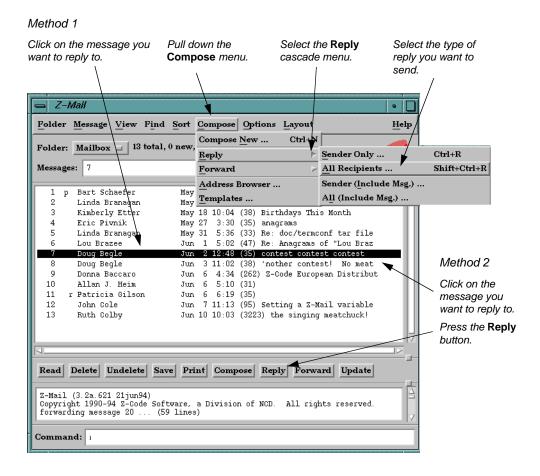
Replying to a Message

Reply to messages either from the Message Window or from the Main Window.

To reply to a message from the Message Window:



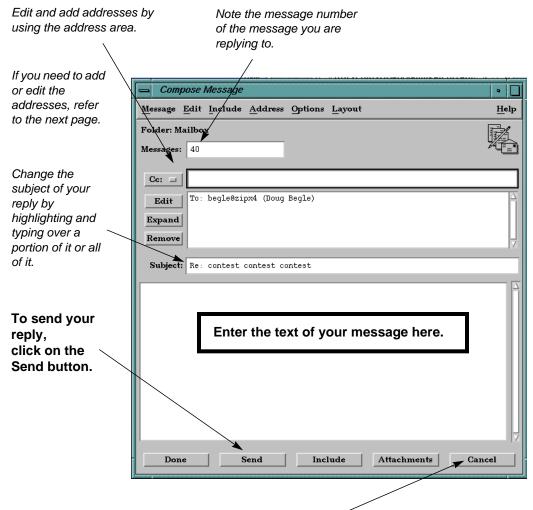
To reply to a message from the Main Window:



After specifying that you want to reply to a message, the Compose Window comes up.

When replying to a message, Z-Mail automatically addresses the reply for you.

To compose your reply:

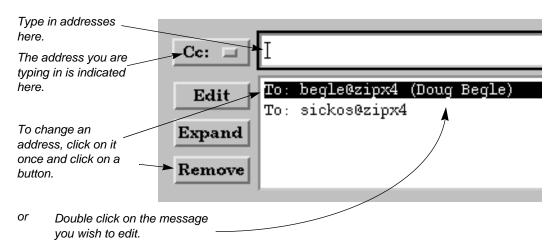


Cancel the current compose session by clicking on the Cancel button.

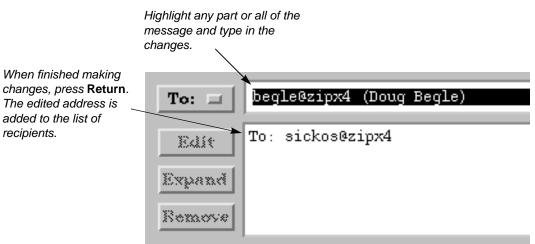
Z-Mail gives you the option of saving to a file what you've written so far.

At the top of the Compose Window is a message address area. The message address area lists the addresses that are automatically completed and enables you to edit them. You can also enter additional addresses.

To address your reply:

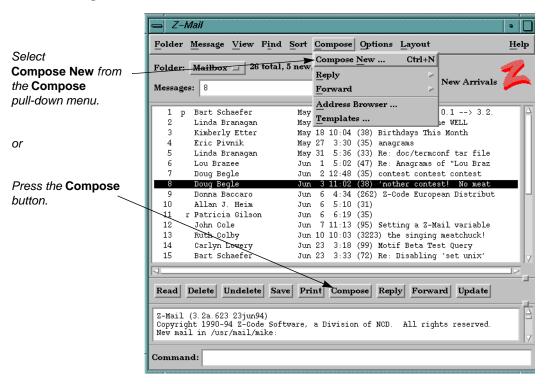


To edit an address:



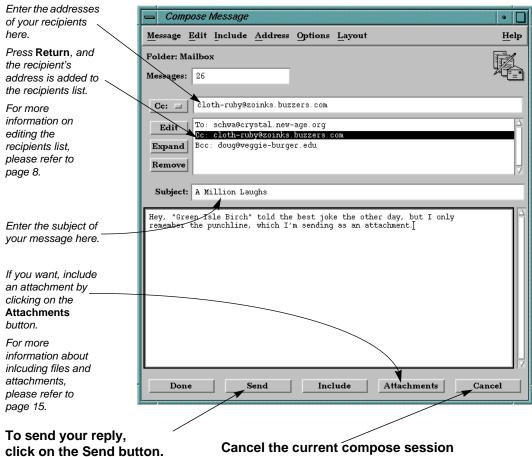
Sending a New Message

To send a new message:



This brings up the Compose Window. Your first task to perform from the Compose Window is to create the header for your message, which includes addressing and providing a subject.

To compose a new message:



by clicking on the Cancel button.

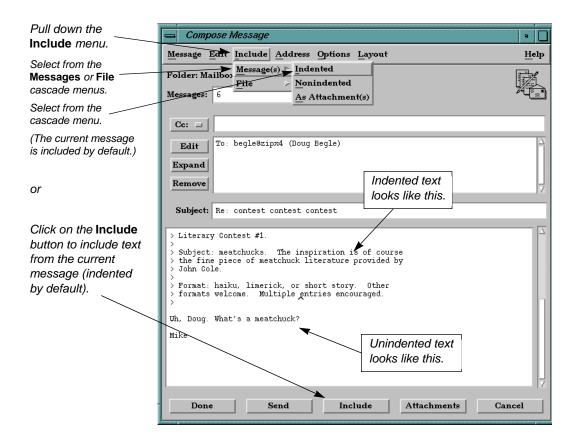
Z-Mail gives you the option of saving to a file what you've written so far.

Including Other Messages in Your Message

Z-Mail enables you to include plain text files and messages in the body of a message. You can also send a wide variety information in the form of an attachment.

From the Compose Window you can include other messages in your message.

To include other messages:

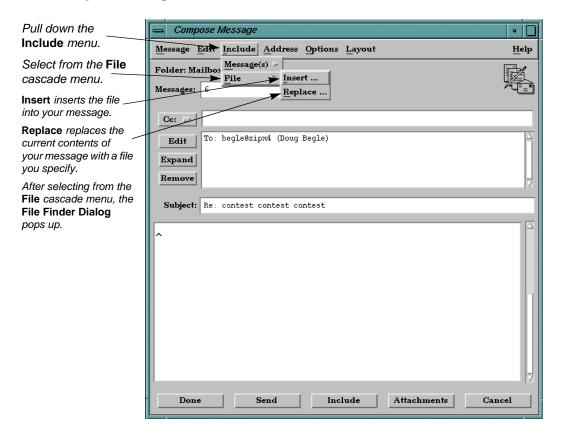


Including Files in Your Message

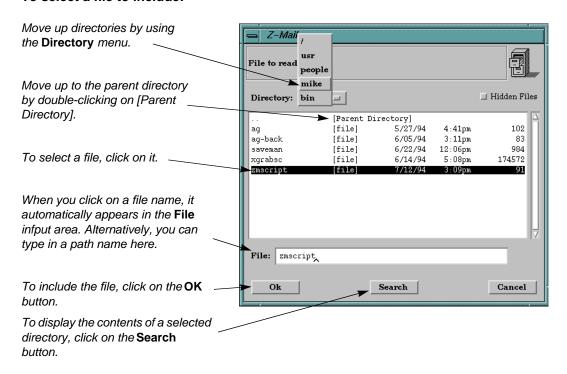
Z-Mail enables you to include plain text files in the body of a message.

From the Compose Window you can either insert the file at the current cursor position or replace the current contents of your reply.

To a file in your message:



To select a file to include:

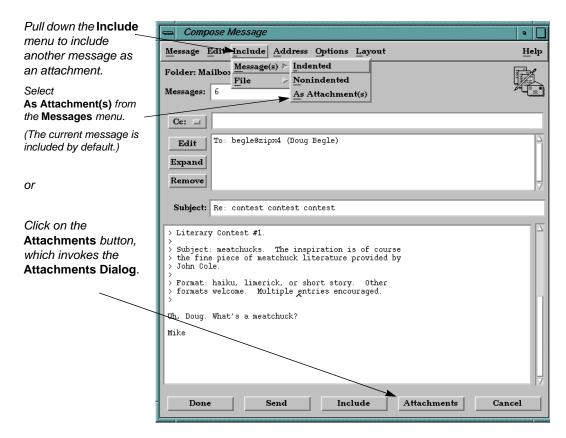


Sending Attachments

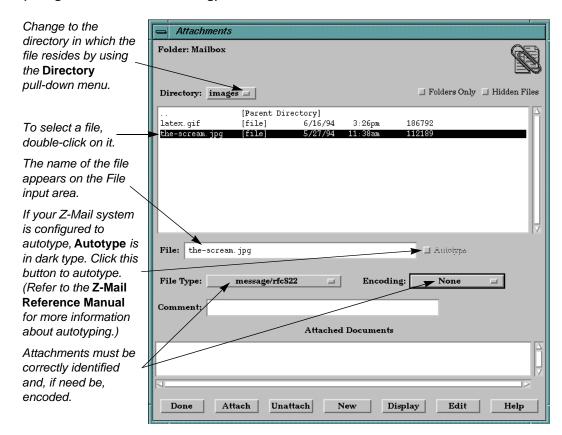
Z-Mail enables you to attach a wide variety of files that are delivered along with your message. These files are called attachments.

Include attachments from the Compose Window.

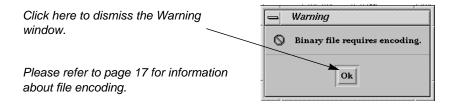
To include an attachment:



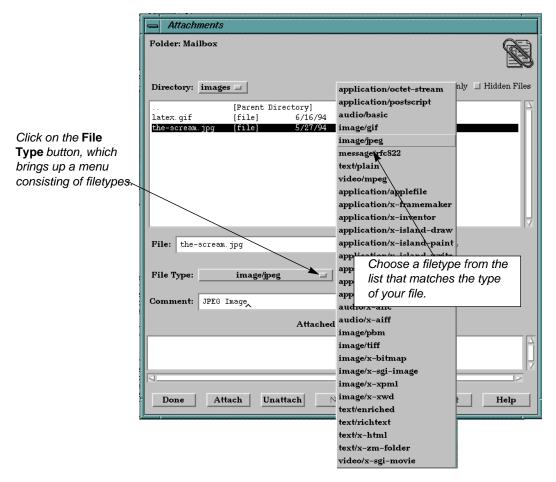
To specify a file to attach (using the Attachments Dialog):



If your attachment requires encoding, and you have not specified encoding, **Z-Mail warns you:**



To choose a file type:



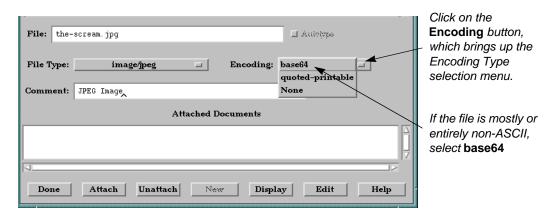
In many cases, file types are indicated by file name extensions. For example, the file the-scream.jpg is a jpeg encoded image file.

When you select a file type that is known to Z-Mail, Z-Mail automatically encodes the file, if encoding is required.

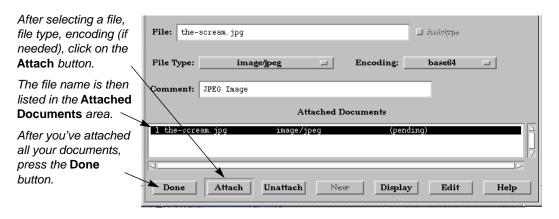
If you aren't sure what type of file you are sending and can't use Autotype, choose "application/octet-stream" to ensure that Z-Mail encodes it for safe delivery.

You may need to choose an encoding type if you are sending a compiled program. Most of the time, you won't need to choose an encoding type.

To choose an encoding type:

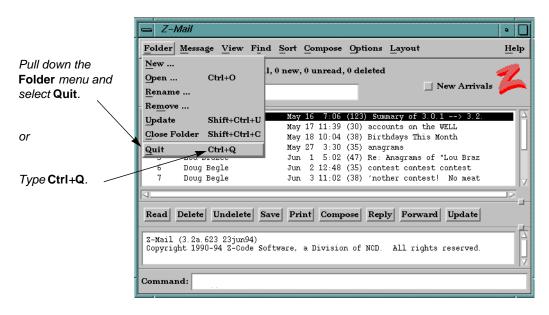


To complete the attachment:



Quitting Z-Mail

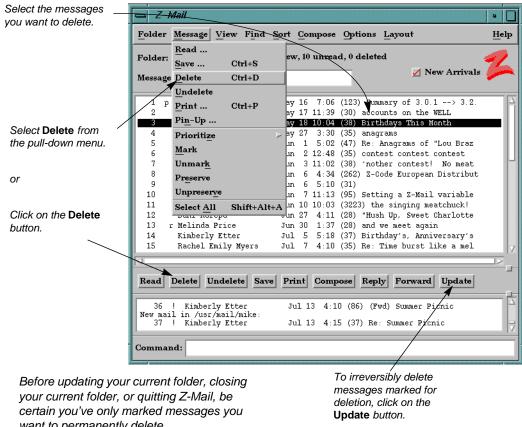
To quit Z-Mail:



Deleting and Undeleting Messages

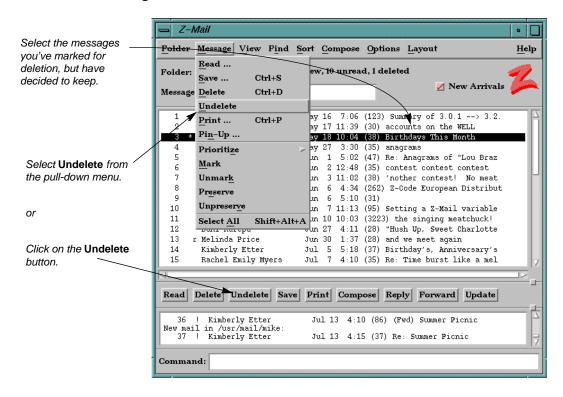
When you delete messages, Z-Mail marks the messages with asterisks (*) on the Message Summary line. Messages are erased only when you update. Z-Mail prompts you to update when you close a folder or quit Z-Mail.

To delete messages:



want to permanently delete.

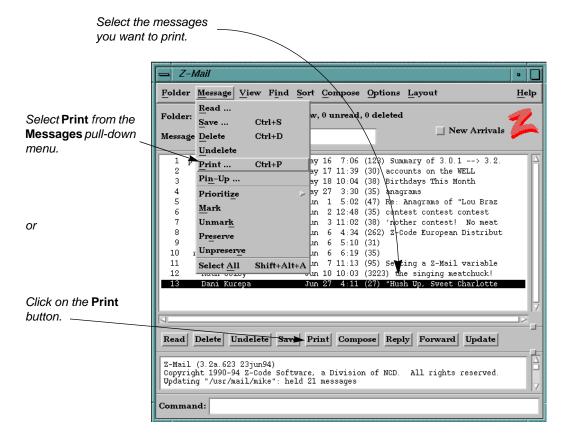
To undelete messages:



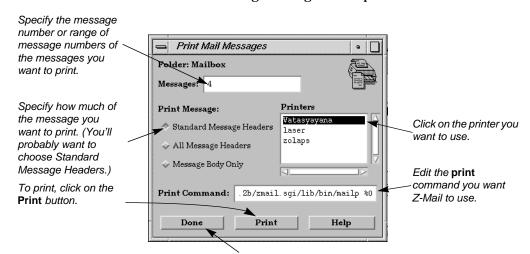
Printing Messages

You can print your messages by sending them to a local or system printer. Before printing from Z-Mail, you or your system administrator must configure your computing environment with the appropriate printer destination information.

To print messages from the Main Window:

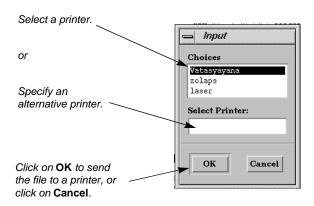


If you invoke printing from the Messages pull-down menu, the Print Messages dialog comes up:

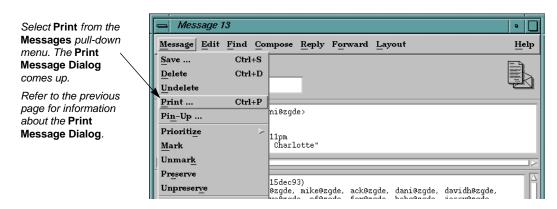


To cancel, click on the Done button.

If you invoke printing by clicking on the Print button, an Input dialog comes up:



To print a message from the Message Window:



Printing messages with attachments

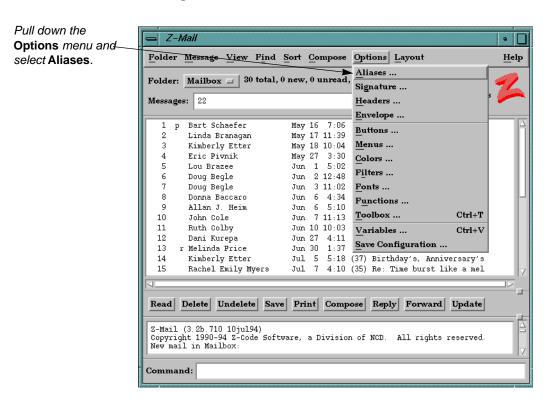
Message attachments are not printed, unless the attachment is plain text, less than 10000 characters, and not encoded. Other attachments must be printed from the application designed to handle that type of attachment. For more information about receiving attachments, please refer to page 4.

Creating and Maintaining Mail Aliases

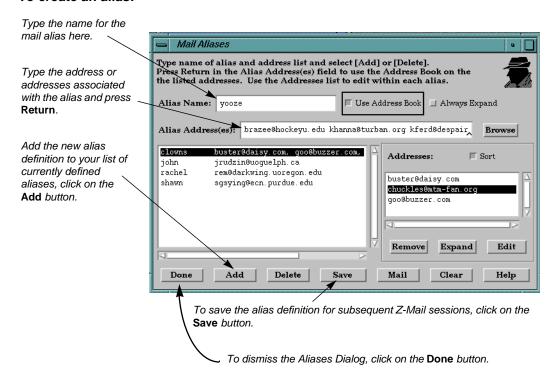
A mail alias is a simpler name you can assign to a more complicated mailing address. You can use the mail alias just as you would use the more complicated mailing address.

Create mail aliases and mailing lists by using the Aliases Dialog.

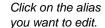
To invoke the Aliases Dialog:



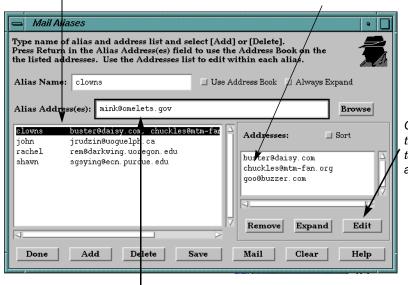
To create an alias:



To edit your aliases:



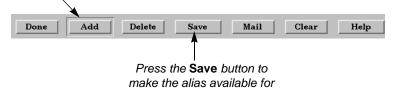
If you want to edit an address, click on the address you want to edit. Changed addresses or the addresses you've added are reflected here



Click on the button for the action you want to take on a selected address.

Edit an old address or add a new address here and press Return.

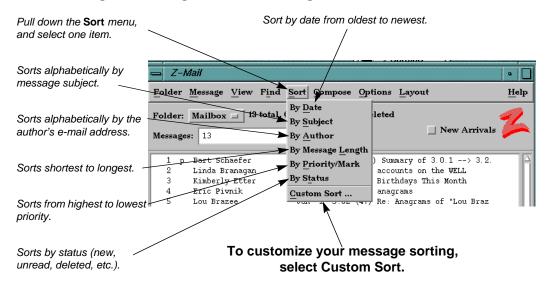
Press the **Add** button to add the new or edited alias to your active alias list.



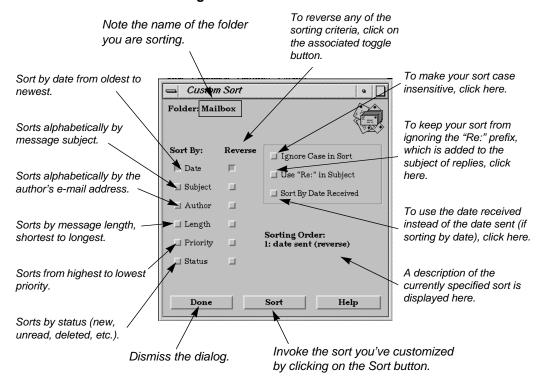
future Z-Mail sessions.

Sorting Messages

To sort messages according to standard sorting:



To use the Custom Sort dialog:

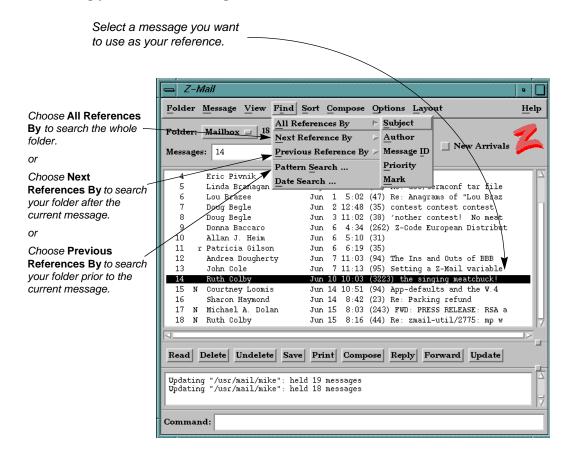


The sort order you specify for the active folder is not Note: maintained automatically. When new mail arrives it is always appended to the end of the folder. You must re-sort in order to maintain the desired order of your folder. If you update your folder, Z-Mail maintains the sort order, but if you later save messages to the folder, the new messages are added onto the end.

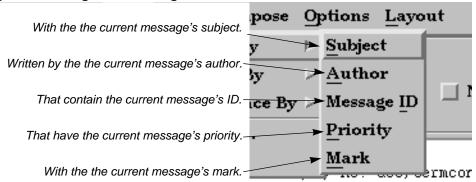
Finding Messages

To find messages that have aspects in common with the currently selected message, use items in the Find menu.

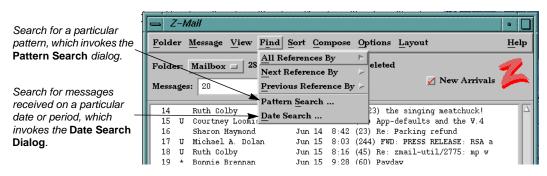
To find messages in a folder by referencing your current message:



Selecting the following finds messages:

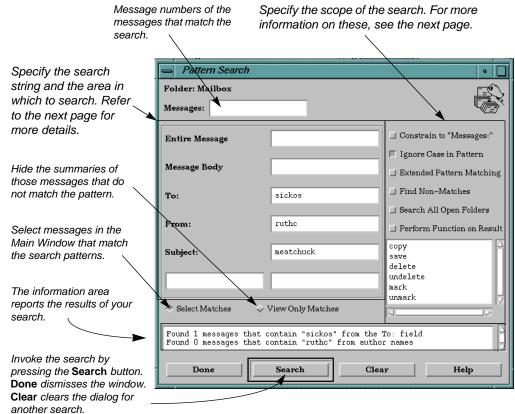


To find messages according to information you specify:



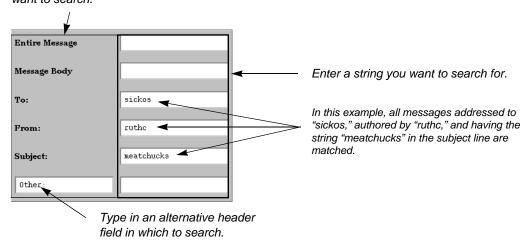
Finding messages by searching for a pattern

To specify a text pattern search:

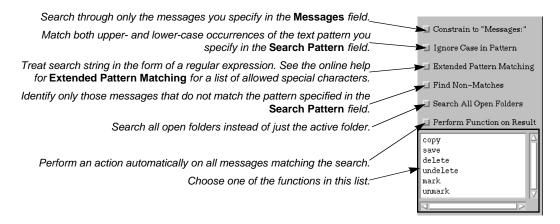


To enter a text pattern and the area in which to search:

Identify the area in which you want to search.

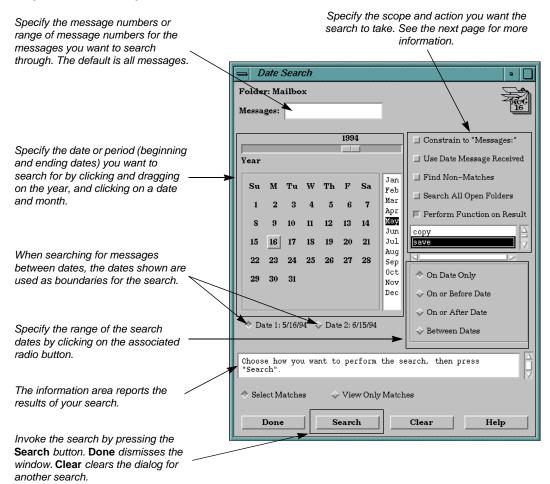


To adjust the scope of the search (and process matches):

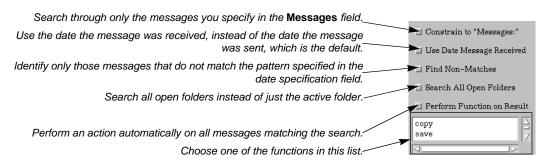


Finding messages by date

To find messages according to a specified date or period:



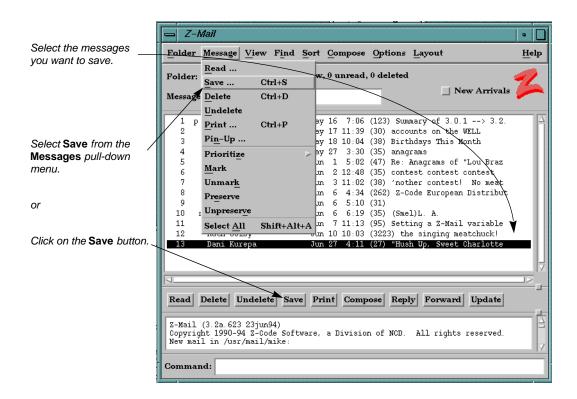
To adjust the scope of the search (and process matches):



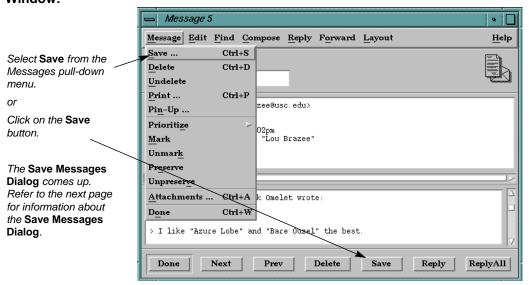
Saving Messages

You can save messages as individual files without headers or as mail folders, which are collections of mail files that Z-Mail can process.

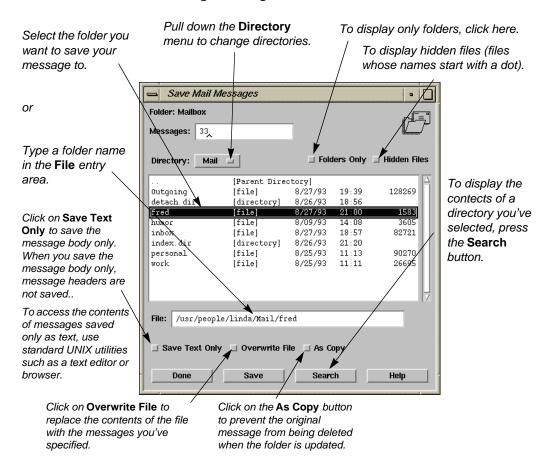
To save messages from the Main Window:



To save a message from the Message Window:



To use the Save Mail Messages Dialog:



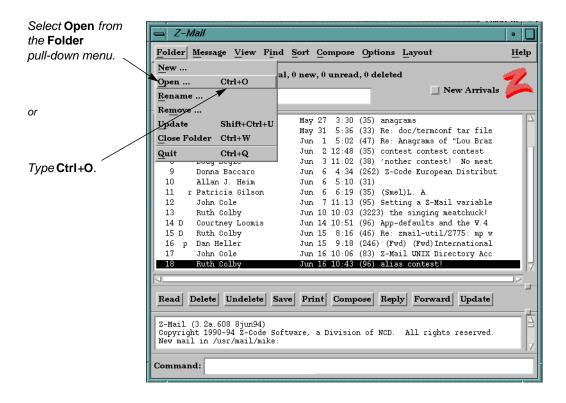
Once you click on the Save button, the messages are copied to the folder you've specified. The messages are marked with an "S" in the Main Window's messages summaries. Messages marked with S's are deleted from your mailbox when you update your folder.

Accessing Messages Saved to Folders

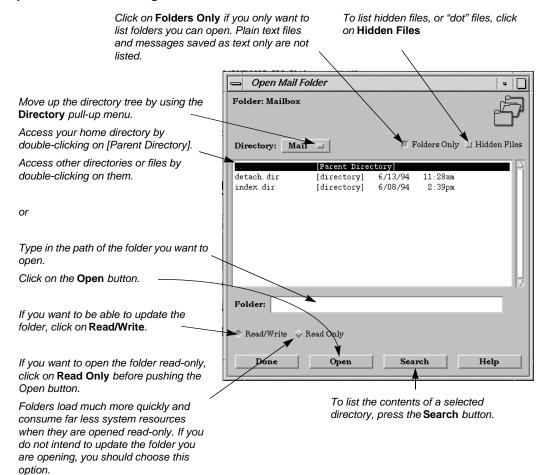
Electronic mail messages are stored in mail folders. Incoming messages are delivered to your system folder. When you start Z-Mail, it loads your system folder automatically. Normally, mail that you don't delete is held in your system folder.

When you start Z-Mail, your system folder is opened automatically by default. If you have mail stored in other folders, you must first open those folders before you can access their contents.

To read messages saved to a folder:



Select the folder you want to open from the **Open Mail Folder Dialog:**



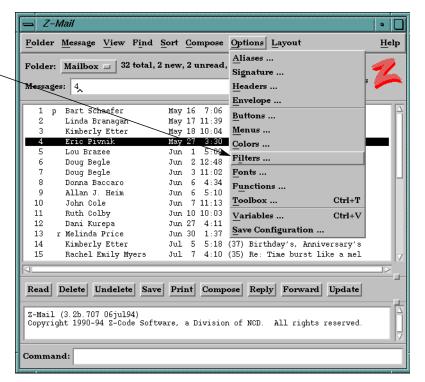
Opening a folder as read-only prohibits you from updating the actual folder itself. If you try to update a read-only folder, an external index is created. Any changes made to the folder are saved to the index. The next time you open the folder, the folder resumes the same state it was in when the index was created.

Filtering Your Messages

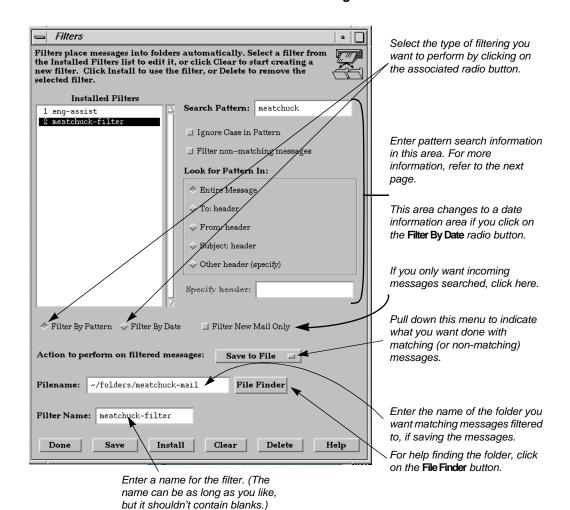
Mail filters automatically process your mail according to criteria you define using the Filters Dialog. This can aid you in sorting and managing your mail.

To invoke the Filters Dialog:

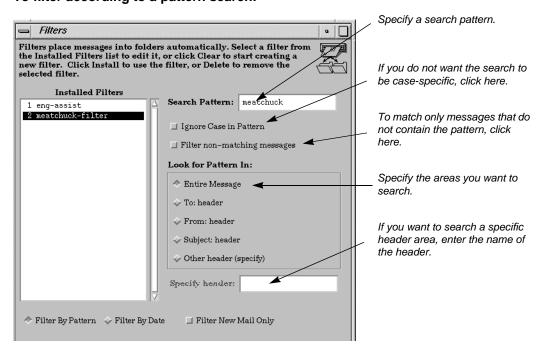
Select Filters from the Options pull-down menu.



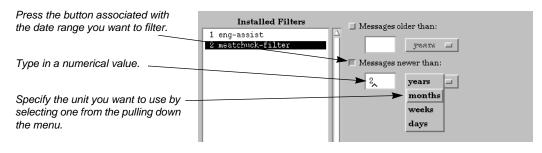
To use the Filters dialog:



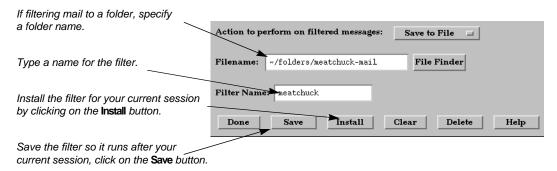
To filter according to a pattern search:



To filter according to date:



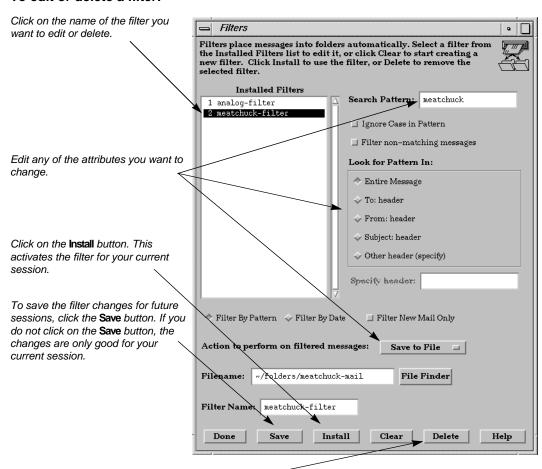
To name and save your filter:



Note: To be able to filter mail already existing in your mailbox, you must start up Z-Mail with the -filter option:

zmail -gui -filter &

To edit or delete a filter:



Click on the **Delete** button to remove the current filter.

To make the deletion permanent, click on the **Save** button.

Using On-line Information

On-line help for Z-Mail is more complete than the overview-style descriptions found in this User's Guide. Be certain to check the on-line help index if you cannot find the information you need.

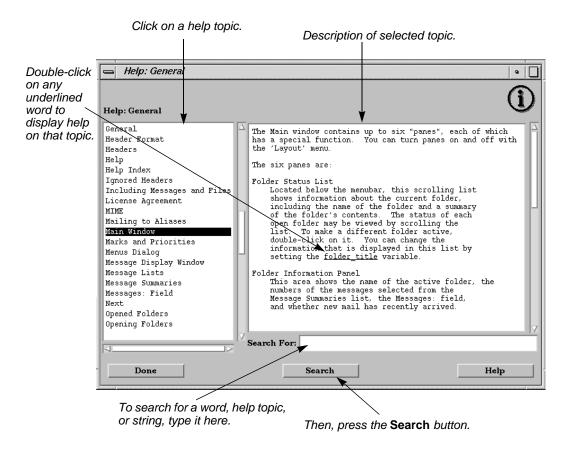
Accessing on-line help

You can access on-line help from all menu bars (the Help menu) and by using the Help button in most dialogs.

To invoke on-line help from the Main Menu:

Click on the Help pull-down menu from the menu bar. Select the appropriate Help topic. Find Sort Compose Options Layout Click for Help Shift+F1 total, 0 new, 0 unread, 0 deleted About the Main Window Nun 6 4:34 (262) Z-Code Europe 6 5:10 (31) Printing a Message 8 6:19 (35) (Smel)L. A. Jun 7 11 13 (95) Setting a Z-Ma Replying to a Message Jun 7 11.13 (95) Setting a a-ne Replying to a message to a Folder Jun 10 10:08 (3223) the singing Jun 14 10:51 (96) App-defaults Saving a Message to a Folder Jun 15 8:16 (46) Re: zmail-util Updating a Folder Jun 15 9:18 (246) Frad (Fwd) Ir Opening a Folder Jun 17 12:39 (60) Re: Nowdy 1:21 (131) Zync Fall (Fre Changing among Open Folders 8:40 (54) zmail-mothf/28 Functions Index Jun 21 8:08 (98) emacs in vi Nov 14 5:17 (77) Re: (Fwd) (Fwc Jun 22 9:27 (23) Re: Boxes and Product Info

To find the information you need:

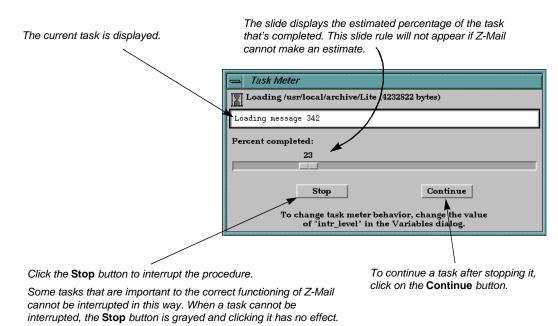


Using the Task Meter

When commands or other operations take a long time to complete, Z-Mail displays a Task Meter that provides feedback about how much of the job is done. As the operation progresses, the indicator on the task meter slides from 0% to 100%.

Note:

In some cases, Z-Mail cannot determine what proportion of the task has been completed. In these cases, the sliding indicator does not appear on the Task Meter.

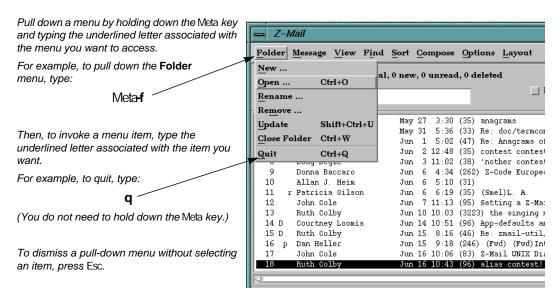


Using Z-Mail Shortcuts and Tools

Using key strokes to pull down menus and select items

In addition to using your mouse to operate pull-down menus, you can use your keyboard to operate them. The underlined letter in each menu title and menu item is called a mnemonic.

To invoke a pull-down menu item using mnemonics:



Note: The Meta key varies from workstation to workstation. On some, it is the key with a diamond design, on others it is the key labeled Alt. If you are unsure which key is the Metakey, ask your system administrator or see your workstation's user guide.

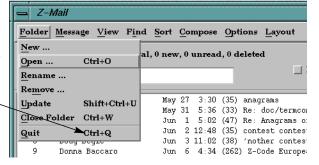
Invoking a menu item without pulling down a menu

You can access menu items directly and avoid using mnemonics or pull down menus by typing command accelerators.

To use an accelerator key sequence:

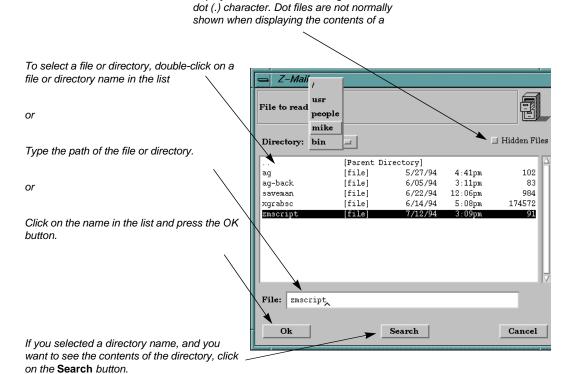
Type the character sequence displayed on the right side of some items in pull-down menus.

For example, Ctrl+Q is the accelerator for the Quit menu item in the File pulldown menu. Pressing Ctrl+Q anywhere in the main window will activate the Quit item, thus quitting Z-Mail.



Finding files

The File Finder is included in several dialogs to let you search for files (including mail folders) and directories. When a file search is the only operation required, such as when responding to a question whose answer is a file name, a File Finder dialog appears.



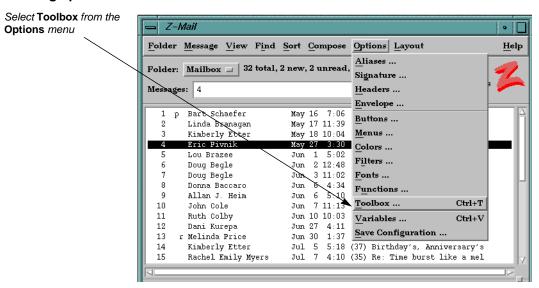
When this toggle button is on, the File Finder displays files whose names begin with a

These action buttons do not always appear when the File Finder is part of another dialog. Instead, the action buttons of that dialog act upon the text displayed in the File text field.

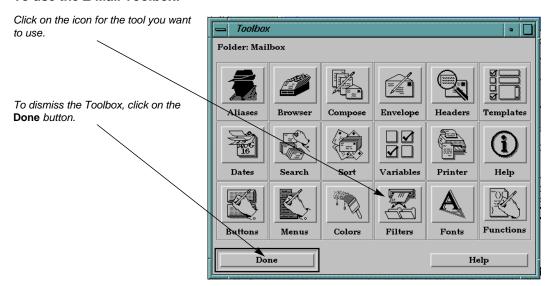
Using the Z-Mail Toolbox

The easiest way to customize your Z-Mail sessions is through the Z-Mail Toolbox.

To bring up the Z-Mail Toolbox:



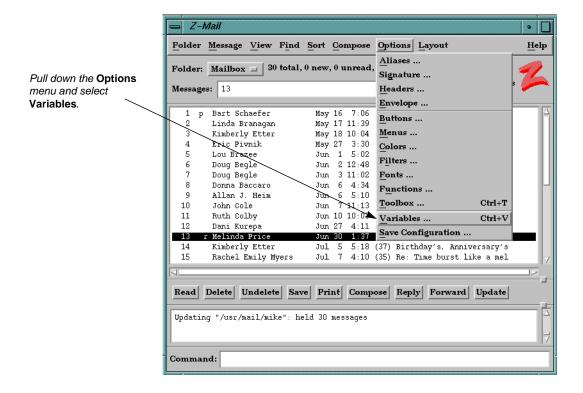
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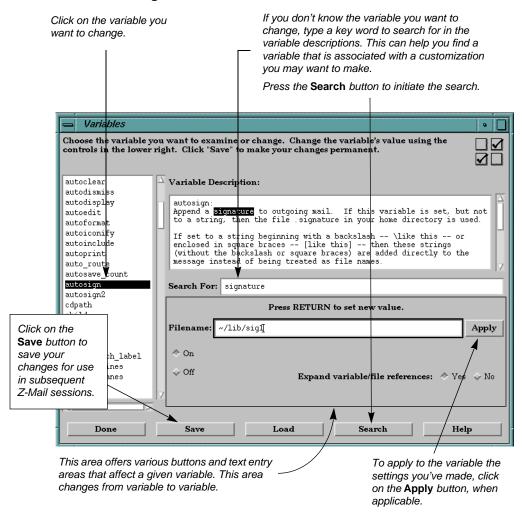
Customizing Your Z-Mail Sessions

The easiest way to customize Z-Mail is by using the Variables Dialog. The Variables Dialog enables you to change the values of variables that govern how Z-Mail looks and functions.

To invoke the Variables Dialog:



To use the Variables Dialog:



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